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SUBJECT: TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM: REQUEST FOR HOME MARKET
PRICE AND PRODUCTION COST DATA

REF: A) STATE A-426, B) STATE 116775

1. IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE ACCELERATED ANTIDUMPING
INVESTIGATIONS UNDER TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM, TREASURY
DEPARTMENT URGENTLY REQUIRES INFORMATION ON HOME MARKET
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PRICES AND COSTS OF PRODUCTION OF: COLD ROLLED CARBON STEEL
SHEETS PRODUCED IN ARGENTINA AND PLATES, HOT-ROLLED SHEETS,
COLD ROLLED SHEETS AND HOT ROLLED BARS PRODUCED IN SPAIN.
ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING MOST OBJECTIVE AND CURRENT DATA ON HOST COUNTRY
PRICES (BASE PRICES AND EXTRAS) AND COSTS OF THESE PRODUCTS.
PRICE DATA ARE MORE URGENTLY REQUIRED AND SHOULD BE REPORTED

BY JUNE 29 SLUGGED FOR TREASURY AND SPECIAL CUSTOMS STEEL TASK FORCE. COST DATA WILL LIKELY BE MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ASAP. TREASURY WOULD WELCOME PARTIAL REPORTS AS AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE WASHINGTON ANALYSIS.

2. POSTS MAY CONSULT MATERIALS SENT TO THEM OVER PAST SIX MONTHS TO DETERMINE WHAT IS MEANT BY BEGIN QUOTE EXTRAS END

QUOTE AND WHICH INPUTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ESTIMATING COST OF PRODUCTION. OF PARTICULAR HELP IN ENUMERATING EXTRAS WILL BE FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF FEBRUARY 3 ANNOUNCING EXTRAS PRICES FOR SHEETS AND OTHER PRODUCTS (REF A). COST OF PRODUCTION ESTIMATES IDEALLY WOULD INCLUDE A) DOLLAR COST (SPECIFY EXCHANGE RATE USED) PER UNIT OF EACH INPUT, B) USAGE RATE OF EACH INPUT PER METRIC TON OF FINISHED STEEL PRODUCT AND C) THE COST PER TON OF FINISHED STEEL (THE PRODUCT OF A AND B). INPUTS INCLUDE: IRON ORE, COKING COAL, PURCHASED SCRAP, FUEL OIL, ELECTRICITY, LABOR, SELLING EXPENSES, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, DEPRECIATION, DEBT SERVICE, AND PROFITS.

3. DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCER PRICE LISTS, IF THEY EXIST, WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, AS WOULD INFORMATION ON ANY GOVERNMENT PRICE CONTROLS OR GUIDELINES THAT MIGHT BE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFECT. GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, TRADE PRESS AND ACADEMIC CONTACTS MAY ALSO PROVE HELPFUL IN PROVIDING STATISTICAL DATA. SOME IDEA OF ACTUAL TRANSACTION PRICES MAY BE GAINED FROM HOST COUNTRY PURCHASERS OF THESE STEEL MILL PRODUCTS. DEPENDING ON LOCAL SENSITIVITIES AND EXTENT TO WHICH DATA IS IN PUBLIC DOMAIN, POSTS MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN NEEDED DATA FROM HOST COUNTRY STEEL PRODUCERS.

4. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POSTS' PROMPTNESS AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN ACTING ON THIS REQUEST AND WILL KEEP POSTS INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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